

criminal action. Feigned issues shall also be abolished, and the facts at issue tried by order of court before a jury.

Feigned issues abolished.

SEC. 2. *Division of judicial powers.* The judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Court for the Trial of Impeachments, a Supreme Court, Superior Courts, Courts of Justices of the Peace, and such other courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law.

Division of judicial powers.

SEC. 3. *Trial court of impeachment.* The Court for the Trial of Impeachments shall be the Senate. A majority of the members shall be necessary to a quorum, and the judgment shall not extend beyond removal from and disqualification to hold office in this State; but the party shall be liable to indictment and punishment according to law.

Trial court of impeachment.

SEC. 4. *Impeachment.* The House of Representatives solely shall have the power of impeaching. No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the Senators present. When the Governor is impeached, the Chief Justice shall preside.

Impeachment.

SEC. 5. *Treason against the State.* Treason against the State shall consist only in levying war against it, or adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court. No conviction of treason or attainder shall work corruption of blood or forfeiture.

Treason against the State.

SEC. 6. *Supreme Court.* The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices. The General Assembly may increase the number of Associate Justices to not more than six, when the work of the Court so requires. The Court shall have power to sit in divisions, when in its judgment this is necessary for the proper dispatch of business, and to make rules for the distribution of business between the divisions and for the hearing of cases by the full Court. No decision of any division shall become the judgment of the Court unless concurred in by a majority of all the Justices; and no case involving a construction of the Constitution of the State or of the United States shall be decided except by the Court *en bloc*. All sessions of the Court shall be held in the city of Raleigh. This amendment made to the Constitution of North Carolina shall not have the effect to vacate any office or term of office now existing under the Constitution of the State, and filled or held by virtue of any election or appointment under the said Constitution, and the laws of the State made in pursuance thereof.

Supreme Court.

SEC. 7. *Terms of the Supreme Court.* The terms of the Supreme Court shall be held in the city of Raleigh, as now, until otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

Terms of the Supreme Court.

SEC. 8. *Jurisdiction of Supreme Court.* The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to review, upon appeal, any decision of

Jurisdiction of Supreme Court.